

"Fleetwood"

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M<sup>r</sup>. S. M. Keene.

Georgetown, Ky

My dear Sir:

In October 1887, I had the pleasure of brief correspondence with you. I then resided at Rochester N.Y. The subject was the Arab horse, and your cousin A. Keene Richards importation of Arabs. (I think you were his cousin.) If I am not giving you too much trouble, I would like to ask you to reply to this, giving me such information as you can, or put me in communication with some man now living who is well informed upon M<sup>r</sup>. Richards imports.

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thru Sanford, Wiley of Ind., Anderson and



2. Minor of Miss", Wells, Kenner & Leconte  
of Louisiana, held discussion at the old  
Metairie Race club as to advisability of  
import of fresh Arabs that there might be  
more Sir: Archie's, Boston's, and Lexingtons

This meeting decided A. Keene Richards  
to go to Arabia & get the best possible  
Arab horses and mares, <sup>(1855?)</sup><sub>(1856)</sub> for benefit  
of breeders generally. The departure of W. Richards  
was accompanied by Morris Keene of Ky<sup>?</sup> (was this  
Wm. Keene your relative?) and Traye the (English  
animal painter, and they were gone 14 or  
15 months, returning with five (5) stallions  
and stallion colts, with three mares. All this  
I knew about at the time & recorded in my  
diaries of that date. I was interested, <sup>but</sup> not then  
thinking I would myself value the Arab as  
did A. Keene Richards. The unfortunate war  
broke Wm. Richards (as good a man as ever  
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3. / and the press said it to the arab, rather than conditions from work.  
I have been a breeder of arabs since 1879,  
and am more firmly convinced of their  
great blood value the older I grow; and  
am now in my 72<sup>nd</sup> year.

If Mr. Morris Keene or any close relative  
of A. Keene Richards is living who was  
thoroughly informed upon his imports &  
breedings, I would like to get some facts,  
as in some of my public writings I would  
like to give due credit to memory of Mr.  
A. Keene Richards, with his disadvantages.

First, did he not own arab horses before  
his imports in 1856, & if so what were their  
names?

I remember that after the battles at  
Donaldson & Shiloh, Genl. J. C. Breckinridge  
a warm friend of A. Keene Richards, wanted  
to get to Richmond Va as the Union  
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41) Breckenridge furthermore wanted to join the movements at Richmond. I unfortunately was pressed into service as assistant Surgeon at the battle of Shiloh, getting out as soon as I could reputably.

As I remember, Breckenridge got to Georgetown, and Richards drove him behind a pair of young arab horses over into the Virginia lines, so that he safely reached Richmond.

What became of Richards arab horses after his death? Genl. Wm J. Withers wrote me that he got two of the old mares, but could not tell what became of the Stallions. I would like to get all the truthful information I can, just the month & year they arrived at Georgetown, & what arabs he had before this large import, & when & where he got his first?

Then regarding his driving Breckenridge over into Virginia, was it not during the Summer of



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nice, and very good man, also a well  
informed one; & I have always regretted  
he could not have lived longer.

I inclose to you a picture of a pure bred  
Arab colt 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  years old, standing 15  $\frac{1}{2}$  hands.  
I have one 4 years old, 15  $\frac{3}{4}$  hands, as good  
and handsome as lives, I have interbred  
one family blood with all the time unimproved  
results; also picture of a half bred three year  
old colt.

Truly yours,

Randolph H. Huntington

I mail you also a paper



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nice, and very good man, also a well  
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I incline to give a picture of a man but  
about 5 1/2 years old, standing 12 1/2 inches.  
I have one 4 years old, 12 3/4 inches, and good  
and handsome as lines, I have introduced  
one family blood with on the true improved  
results; also picture of a half-bred that appears  
by steam pipe, then came in dripping  
old cast, the plant

Richardson

was met & almost immediately a warm danger  
I went down stairs & in house

look off my own hand for Bonnet's  
as one but the same, as a rule

will have to be a very strong, dried in  
making before the weather must  
could not and have I wish  
examined the same